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SUBJ: SOUTHERN AFRICA IN NOVEMBER 25 ZAMBIAN PRESS

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SUMMARY: BOTH PAPERS FEATURED GUARDIAN'S APOLOGY TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA FOR ITS NOVEMBER 19, 1975 ARTICLE ALLEGING HE HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT A SECRET LOAN FROM SOUTH AFRICA. DAILY MAIL CARRIE NOVEMBER 23 SWAPO PRESS RELEASE CRITICIZING TURNHALLE DELEGATES MEETING WITH VORSTER, BUT NO ACCOUNTS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN GENEVA. TIMES OF ZAMBIA CARRIED GENEVA STORY THAT TENSION WITHIN PATRIOTIC FRONT IS MOUNTING AND REPORT THAT REBEL RHODESIAN FORCES ARE CONDUCTING A TERROR CAMPAIGN IN THEIR SEARCH FOR FREEDOM FIGHTERS. END SUMMARY.

1. BOTH PAPERS CARRIED FULL TEXT OF GUARDIAN STATEMENT APOLOGIZING TO KAUNDA FOR A NOVEMBER 19,1975 ARTICLE. THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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ARTICLE CLAIMED KAUNDA HAD, IN EXCHANGE FOR SUPPORTING AN

IAN SMITH/JOSHUA NKOMO RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT, AGREED TO ACCEPT A MASSIVE, INTEREST FREE LOAN FROM SOUTH AFRICA. STATEMENT NOTES THAT GUARDIAN PAID AN UNSPECIFIED SUM AS DAMAGES TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA WHICH HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO A U.K. CHARITY.

2. DAILY MAIL REPORTS SWAPO'S NOVEMBER 23 STATEMENT IN GENEVA THAT TURNHALLE TALKS CANNOT BE CONSIDERED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WISHES OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. SOUTH AFRICA IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPOSE A REFERENDUM IN PLACE OF DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS. THE TURNHALLE DELEGATES MEETING WITH VORSTER IS HIGHLY SUSPECT.

3. TENSIONS WITHIN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IS THE SUBJECT OF A TIMES OF ZAMBIA STORY FROM GENEVA. THE FACT THAT A MEETING BETWEEN THE MUGABE AND NKOMO FORCES TO FRAME AN ANSWER TO IVOR RICHARD PROPOSED DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE WAS POSTPONED THREE TIMES WAS INTERPRETED AS INDICATING INCREASING STRAIN WITHIN THE ZANU/ZAPU ALLIANCES.

4. ON THE FRONT PAGE THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA CARRIED AN ARTICLE REPORTING A STEP UP IN THE CAMPAIGN BY RHODESIAN FORCES TO FERRET OUT FREEDOM FIGHTERS. ACCOUNT CLAIMS THAT TRAVEL WITHIN RHODESIA NOW IS VERY DIFFICULT, AND BUS AND TRAIN TRANSPORT IN SOME AREAS IS PRACTICALLY UNAVAILABLE. A BAN ON THE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AT NIGHT IS CITED AND PHYSICAL ABUSE OF RESIDENTS, INCLUDING THE RAPE OF YOUNG GIRLS BY THE GOVERNMENT FORCES, IS ALLEGED. SITUATION WITHIN RHODESIA IS DESCRIBED AS DETERIORATING.

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